

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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Census of Weavers
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to conduct a census of weavers in the country with a view to have factual information about their actual situation;
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to formulate any scheme for weavers in Bihar after the census and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government proposes to issue I-cards to weavers after the census and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
(SHRI AJAY TAMTA)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. During the celebration of second National Handloom Day, the Hon'ble Minister of Textiles had announced conducting of 4th Nation-wide Handloom census at Varanasi on 07.08.2016. As a follow up of the said announcement, Office of the Development Commissioner for Handlooms, Ministry of Textiles has invited request for proposal (RFP) from the reputed agencies on-line for conducting Fourth nation-wide Census for Handlooms and issue of Photo Identity cards to Handloom weavers through Central Public Procurement Portal. An agency has been selected and assigned the task on 04.01.2017. The entire work is likely to be completed within one year. The Data of Handloom sector to be enumerated during the ensuing Census shall be used in formulation of developmental and welfare policies for the Handloom Sector of the country including Bihar State.

(c): The households / weavers enumerated during the ensuing census will be issued Photo Identity Cards.
